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without a vareroom. We cannot secure a renewal to our lease and as yet no other store has been decided in all their vivid nakedness. Mme. de

We have several in view but it seems as though dimly remembered seeing the look of it will be about the latter part of June before we can features of the Earl of Hawcastle. take possession of the one we want.

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Hawcastle, with some of his finer feelings aroused, picked up his sisterin-law with his eyes, much as a clever hostess picks up her feminine guests at dinner, and arose, turning to Ethel. "This shall make no difference to us,

my child," he said and, turning sharply, took Lady Creech by the arm and left the terrace. Pike looked at Horace pityingly.

"Don't you understand?" he said. "I'm her guardian!" For a fleeting instant Horace stared

at him and then dropped his chin and walked away. "I shall never hold up my head

again," he said. The sudden horror of the revelation that Horace had drawn forth bore down upon Ethel's mind with a crush-

ing weight. To her artificialized understanding the disgrace was more than she could ever hope to bear, and Horace's expressed thought that he should never be able to hold up his head again was but a vivification of her own.

Surely it would have been bad enough, she told herself, if this fearful thing had come upon them privately, but to have it appear in the full light to find another suitable store of day and in the very hearing of the family of the man she was about to marry was too cruel.

curred, events that had seemed but fleeting impressions rose up before her Champigny had looked at her with astute contempt, she was sure, and she horrified amazement upon the patrician

Then, with an awakened resentment the fighting blood of the sturdy plebesee this awful man and give him to understand that he must go away at once and never insult her again by his uncouth and vulgar presence. Such business as had to be transacted could be done through an intermediary.

With a bracing of her spirit she stepped forward resolutely and came up close behind Pike as he stood with drooping jaw gazing in perplexity after the retreating Horace. Ethel cast a look of loathing upon the straight back of the guardian of her peace and ground her little boot heel into the stone flagging. She glanced up and looking at Pike with grave sympathy and even understanding, and instantly she hated him for it. Then she saw him take his cap from the obsequious Mariano and turn away. When he had gone she said in a low voice:

"I am Miss Granger-Simpson."

CHAPTER X.

THE HUMILIATION. NSTANTLY Pike turned with a lithe twist of his lank body and half lifted his band as if he expected a blow. Then his arm dropped again, and he stood looking at her in calm and interested fashion. As he stared his expression changed to one of mingled tenderness and pride,

and when he spoke there was a world of pathos in his voice.
"Why." he said in a low, astonished tone—"why, I knew your pa from the time I was a little boy till he died, and I looked up to him more'n I ever looked up to anybody in my life, but I never thought he'd have a girl like ject." you. He'd be mighty proud if he could

see you now." She turned from him in a smothered rage and then faced him again with cold disapproval in her tone.

"Perhaps it will be as well if we avoid personal allusions," she said resentfully. This man should have no opportunity for bringing up those vulcences if she could help it. He smiled

"I don't just see how that's possihand indignantly.

"Will you please sit down?" she said. and Pike made an awkward bow. "Yes, ma'am," he replied meekly,

with the faintest accent on the last word, and obediently took the chair that Horace had vacated so precipitous ly. She shuddered at the word he had used and glanced nervously at the hat he was holding in his hands.

"Are-are you really my guardian?" she asked at last, with a trace of heat so because he's with me," returned ed unbelief in her tones. Pike smiled Daniel sadly, looking down.

"Well," he said, "I've got the papers in my grip. I expect that"-"Oh, I know it!" she interrupted explosively. "It's only that we didn't

fancy-we didn't expect"-She paused, and he went on: "I expect you thought I'd be consid-

erably older.'

"Not only that." "And I guess you thought I'd neglected you a good deal." There was a settlement in the same way," went on touch of remorse in his tone, and he Ethel unheedingly. looked idly at the hat he held. "And it did look like it-never coming to see turned Pike, smiling. you-but I couldn't hardly manage th time to get away. You see, being trustee of your share of the estate I don't impatiently. "An alliance of this sort hardly have a fair show at my law always entails a certain settlement." practice. But when I got your letter She paused. "Please listen. If you eleven days ago I says to myself; were at all a man of the world I Here, Daniel Voorhees Pike, you old should not have to explain that in shellback, you've just got to take time.

John Simpson trusted you with his property, and he's done more—he's "Money, you mean?" asked Pike,



We could have been spared this this mortification."

trusted you to look out for her, and now she's come to a kind of jumping off place in her life-she's thinking of getting married-so you just pack your gripsack and hike out over there and stand by her.

During the last half of his speech there was a tone of affectionate regard, at which she bridled resentfully.

"I quite fall to understand your point of view," she said frigidly. "Perhaps I had best make it clear to you that I am no longer thinking of getting mar-"Well, Lord 'a' mercy!" ejaculated

Pike, leaning back in his chair and smiling at her, but she affected not to notice the lighter tone and went on. "I mean I have decided upon it. The ceremony is to take place in a fort-

night." Pike brought the front feet of his chair down with a crash. "Well, I declare!" he cried.

"We shall dispense with all delays," she went on, and Pike regarded her solemnly for a moment. "Well, I don't know as I could say

anything against that. He must be a mighty nice fellow, and you must think a heap of him." He sighed. That's the way it should be." He looked at her. "And you're happy?"

"Distinctly!" said Ethel decisively. Pike looked off over the blue bay, and then his gaze traveled to where Horace had been standing, and with a start he turned to her again, speaking eagerly:

"It ain't that fellow I was talking with, yonder?"

And she voiced an indignant protest. "That was my brother!"

"Lord 'a' mercy!" ejaculated Daniel and then recovered himself. then, I wouldn't remember him. He couldn't have been more than twelve when you was home last. Of course

I'd 'a' known you"-"How?" demanded Ethel. "You couldn't have seen me a ace I was a

"From your picture, though now I see it ain't so much like you," he answered, and she stepped forward, with astonishment.

child."

"You have a photograph of me?" "The last time I saw your father alive he gave it to me-to look at."

"And you remembered"-"Yes, ma'am." A look of incredulity passed over Ethel's face, and she replied:

"It does not strike me as possible, However, we will dismiss the sub-

"Well, if you'd like to introduce me to your-to your"-"To my brother?"

"No, ma'am; to your-to the young the servants came running, with Mariman." "To Mr. St. Aubyn?" cried Ethel, re-

coiling a step. "I think it quite unnecessary."

"I'm afraid I can't see it that way gar, half forgotten family reminis. I'll have to have a couple of talks with hfm, sort of look him over, so to speak. I won't stay around here spoiling your fun any longer than I can ble," he answered, and she waved her help-only just for that and to get a letter I'm expecting from England." Ethel bit her lip vexatiously.

"I do not see that you need have come at all. We could have been spared this-this mortification." "You mean I mortify you? Why, I

-I can't see how.' "In a hundred ways," she replied, "every way. That common person who is with you"-"He isn't common. You only think

"Who is he?" demanded Ethel sharp-

"Settlement! You seem to have set-

"You don't understand," said Ethel

tled it pretty well without me," re-

"He told me his name, but I can't remember it. I call him 'doc.'" "It doesn't matter. What does matter is that you needn't have come You could have written your consent." HEAD "No, ma'am, not without seeing the

young man," answered Pike resolute-"And you could have arranged the

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"No," she flared. "I mean a settlement upon Mr. St. Aubyn directly."
"You mean you want to give it to

"If that's the only way to make you

"How much do you want to give

"A bundred and fifty thousand

"Seven hundred and fifty thousand

be a great man. I expect you're right

about me not meeting him. I probably wouldn't stack up very high alongside

a man that's big enough for you to

think so much of as you do him. Why,

I'd have to squeeze every bit of prop-

"Is it your property?" she flared at

"I've worked pretty hard to take

care of it for you," he answered gen-

tly, and instantly she regretted the

"Forgive me," she pleaded. "It was

unworthy of me-unworthy of the

higher and nobler things that life calls

me to live up to-that I shall live up

to. The money means nothing to me.

I'm not thinking of that. It is a neces-

"Have you talked with Mr. St. Au-

byn about this settlement—this present

you want to make to him?" he asked.

"I thought not." he went on amused-

if I'd let you give it to him. A fine

man like that wants to make his own

way. Mighty few men like to have

"Oh, I can't make you understand!"

fun poked at them about living on

cried Ethel despairingly. "A settle-

ment isn't a gift."
"Then how'd you happen to decide

that just a hundred and fifty thousand

pounds was what you wanted to give

"It was Mr. St. Aubyn's father who

fixed the amount," replied Ethel des-

"His father! What's he got to do

"He is the Earl of Hawcastle, the

"And he asks you for your property-

asks you for it in so many words?"

"And your young man knows it?"

cussed it with Mr. St. Aubyn."

"I tell you, Mr. Pike, I have not dis-

"I reckon not," he said amusedly.

"Well, sir, do you know what's the

first thing Mr. St. Aubyn will do when

he hears his father made such a prop-

osition? He'll take the old man out

in the back lot and give him a thrash-

ing he won't forget to the day of his

She was about to answer when from

a distance came the roll of drums and

then the sound of a bugle. The sounds

They both stopped to listen. Then

ano at their head. They rushed to the

wall and leaned over, all excitement.

Mariano turned to call to them over

came from afar off, as if below the

him?" he demanded.

head of the ancient house."

"Yes, as a settlement."

Pike laughed.

perately.

with it?"

death!"

cliff.

his shoulder:

"You'll see. He wouldn't take it

Pike looked at her keenly.

erty your pa left you."

sharp speech.

sary form."

"Not with him."

their wives' money.'

understand-yes!" she flashed.

him?" asked Pike thoughtfully.

pounds," said Ethel desperately.

"Precisely that!" said Ethel.

Pike whistled.

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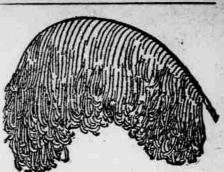
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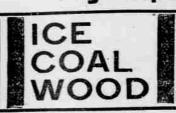
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